

Appl. 09/558,284

Preliminary Amdt. dated May 24, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview on February 27, 2004 and April 28, 2004. Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner during the interview. As discussed during the April 28, 2004 interview, it is applicants understanding that the amendments will place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants have also amended the specification to correct typographical errors in the substitute specification. Support for these amendments can be found in the original specification as filed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the forgoing amendments and allow the pending claims to issue. To expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that may be resolved over the telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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